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The training of Soviet Army units at the summer camps and posts continued according to schedule during the period under review. After mid-June, the security troops which had remained at their GDR posts in the spring of 1954 began to be rotated to troop training grounds, as had previously been expected. Training activity during the last four weeks was concentrated on unusually intensive firing activity with live ammunition and on special training of artillery, AAA and engineer units in specific training areas. For the first time this year, whole tank and SP gun battalions moved to unknown areas for firing practice with live ammunition. This measure was probably taken in order to familiarize units with missions under war-like conditions. The troops in Austria continued regular practices at troop training grounds up to the second half of June. The increased firing practice with live ammunition and combat exercises by KVP units reflect a status of training similar to that reached by Soviet Army units in the GDR.

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1. No essential changes regarding commitment, combat efficiency and quartering of units in the GDR were discernible during the period from 1 July to 1 August 1954. A tabulation of units stationed in the GDR and [ ] is forwarded separately.

Change of Quarters.

2. The following changes were observed in June and July 1954:
  - a. About 1 July, the following units of the 9th Gds Tank Div changed quarters at the NEUSTREELITZ post:

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234th Mort Regt, formerly Alte Grenadier Kaserne (2225), now restricted area Gerhart Hauptmann Strasse;

495th (?) Arty Regt, formerly restricted area Gerhart Hauptmann Strasse, now Alte Grenadier Kaserne;

126th Gds RL Bn, formerly restricted Schlossgarten area (2227), now restricted area Gerhart Hauptmann Strasse.

The 74th Gds Mtrcl Bn, formerly stationed in the Neue Infanterie Kaserne (2221), presumably moved to Camp Domjuech, which is the former mental asylum southeast of the town. In addition, one of the three medium tank regiments of the divisions previously stationed in the Neue Infanterie Kaserne may be stationed there. The quarters of the 121st (?) AAA Regt which had hitherto been stationed in the restricted Schlossgarten area (2227) could not be determined. There are indications that this regiment too moved to Camp Domjuech.

- b. It appears that, in June, the U/i artillery regiment of the 10th Gds Tank Div, which had previously been stationed in the Kavallerie Schule in KRAMPNITZ (2161), was transferred to the Kriegs Schule (2288) in POTSDAM. Minor elements of the 63d Gds Tank Regt stationed in the Adolf Hitler Kaserne (2287) in POTSDAM may now also be stationed in the Kriegs Schule. On the basis of vague indications, the 359th Gds AAA Regt of the division, which had been transferred from Brandenburg in the winter of 1953/1954, was for some time held in the Kriegs Schule in POTSDAM. It is now, however, believed, that the regiment is actually stationed in the Kavallerie Schule in KRAMPNITZ.

#### Training of Combat Divisions.

3. Since access to summer camps and training areas was again difficult, only an incomplete picture of the training status of the troops could be obtained in July 1954. There are, however, various indications that exercises of units up to reinforced battalion level and mixed combat groups at similar strength were predominant. Only in some instances were exercises observed outside training grounds. The strength of the units participating in these exercises was small in accordance with the status of training reached by July. After mid-June, major elements of the security units that had remained at their winter posts started to be moved to troop training grounds. In July, the units at military posts continued moving to nearby training areas which appear to have been improved so as to meet all training requirements. The floods which affected the southern portion of the zone and the middle course of the Elbe River after about 10 July are not believed to have seriously interfered with the training of combat units since most of the units employed for rescue missions were engineer troops. The occupation of troop training grounds generally remained unchanged. Special exercises or changes are compiled in the following summary. For troop movements and last dates of confirmation, see Annex.

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CHRDUP:

Permanent occupation: units of the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div stationed in Altes Lager (8421) and the bulk of the 20th Gds Mech Div in Camp Crawinkel (8423). Army artillery units from ALTENBURG stayed at the training grounds from 14 to 19 June. Small units of the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div from MEININGEN, PLAUE and SUHL conducted short-term exercises in June. A unit of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div, possibly tanks of the 17th Gds Tank SP Regt, presumably held firing practices from 6 to 26 June. After 9 July, 21 SP guns with crews of the 1st Mech Div from DOEBERITZ moved to Camp Crawinkel for firing after 9 July.

KINDEL:

Permanent occupation: major elements of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div numbering approximately 4,000 men who are quartered in Camp Kindel (8085). Contrary to observations made in 1953, no training and firing activity was conducted at the training grounds prior to mid-July.

LOSSA:

Permanent occupation: major elements of the 21st Gds Mech Div in the camp (8262). There was intensive training activity on the training grounds. On 11 July, 20 SP guns with crews of the 1st Mech Div from DOEBERITZ moved into the camp.

LETZLING HEATH:

Permanent occupation: the bulk of the 7th Gds Tank Div in Waldlager No II (5243) near BORN; units of the 19th Gds Mech Div from MAGDEBURG in Waldlager No III near BORN; headquarters units of the Third Shock Army from MAGDEBURG and BURC in Waldlager No I (5248) near HUETTEN; major elements of the 207th Mtz Rifle Div from STENDAL and QUEDLINEBURG in Camp JAEVENITZ (5251). Tank and artillery troops frequently engaged in firing practice with live ammunition north of BORN and at the firing range north of HILLERSLEBEN. Since about 8 July, tank firing details have again been observed in the south sector of the training area. They included elements of the 18th Mech Div from DRANSE, of the 9th Gds Tank Div from NEUSTREITZ, of the 6th Gds Tank Div from WITTENBERG, of the 25th Tank Div from TEMPLIN, of the 10th Gds Tank Div from KRAFFTITZ and of the tank training unit of the Eighth Gds Army from GERA.

SCHWEINRICH:

Permanent occupation: the bulk of the 18th Mech Div in the camp (5664). After 13 July, tank details of the 8th Gds Mech Div from RIESA and of the 19th Gds Mech Div from HILLERSLEBEN arrived at the training grounds for firing practices.

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KOENIGSPRUECK:

Permanent occupation: the bulk of the 11th Gds Tank Div in Camp Schmorkau (1529) and in the BOHRA (VS-2082) area; units of the 8th Gds Mech Div in Camp Schwepnitz (1529); army units presumably in the BOHRA area. From mid-June until mid-July, intensive rotation of units of the 8th Gds Mech Div between the troop training grounds and the posts. In mid-July, a light unit of the 6th Gds AAA Div arrived at the training grounds for combat firing. In June and July, various units of the 9th Tank Div arrived by road and rail for short-term exercises.

ZEITHAIN:

Permanent occupation: major elements of the 9th Tank Div in the camp (1901). There was intensive training activity at the grounds. Units were frequently rotated between the summer camps and the posts. In June and July, units of the division were several times transferred by road and rail to KOENIGSPRUECK troop training grounds for short-term exercises.

FORST TAUER:

Permanent occupation: the bulk of the 9th Mech Div in Camp Schoenhoehe; the total strength is estimated at about 3,000 men. Training activity there included firing with live ammunition by tanks and artillery, single and salvo firing practice and small exercises up to battalion level. In mid-July, several units left for short-term exercises in the WITTENBERG area and for firing with live ammunition in the JUETERBOG area. Tanks were also seen.

LIEBEROSE:

Permanent occupation: the bulk of the 7th Gds Mech Div in the camp (3302). In July, frequent exercises by mixed combat groups, mostly at battalion strength, firing with live ammunition was practiced by tanks, artillery and rocket launchers. After 25 July, engineer units from TEMPLIN and DOEBERITZ arrived at the training grounds.

WERDER - MARKENDORF:

Permanent occupation: major elements of the 6th Gds Tank Div in the camp (3211). Since the training area is difficult of access, no details on activity could be obtained.

TEMPLIN:

Permanent occupation: the bulk of the 25th Tank Div and 71st Light Arty Brig in Camp Vogelsang (4323). After late June, artillery and tank details of the 6th Gds Mech Div arrived at the training grounds and in the ROEDELIN-BEUTEL area and KURTSCHLAG-GROSSDOELIN area for several-day firing practices and exercises. Troops permanently

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stationed at the grounds were frequently rotated from TEMPLIN to ALTENGRABOW and JUETERBOG for firing with live ammunition.

Training of Special Units:

4. In July 1954, firing with live ammunition by artillery and AAA units at the firing ranges of ALTENGRABOW, JUETERBOG and WUSTROW increased to a level not observed during the preceding years. Since exchange movements of combat units between the troop training grounds and firing ranges were still under way when the report was completed and since, according to previous experience, the firing practices with live ammunition will not be completed prior to September, no final figures can be given. Conclusions as to the occupation of the training grounds can be drawn only from transport movements because of difficulties in approaching the training areas. However, these records on troop movements are definite evidence that training in firing has been intensified this summer. On the basis of all information available, the following units were identified at the following firing ranges:

a. ALTENGRABOW firing range.

of the IV Arty Corps:

124th Hvy How Arty Brig

on 10, 17, 19, 23 and 24 July  
one shipment each from BRANDEN-  
BURG to ALTENGRABOW;

on 21, 24, 27 and 28 July  
one shipment each from  
ALTENGRABOW to BRANDENBURG.

25th Gds RL Brig

on 29 June and 2 and 4 July  
one shipment each from  
RATHENOW, on 11 July 3 shipments  
back to RATHENOW.

30th Gds Gun Arty Brig/  
34th Arty Div

on 12 July 1 shipment from FOTSDAM  
and on 21 July 3 shipments from  
FOTSDAM and WILDPARK.

36 Gds AT Arty Brig

on 9 July 1 shipment from ROSTOCK.

of the Eighth Gds Army:

43d Gds Army Arty Brig

on 5 July, 5 shipments from ALTENBURG.

308th Arty Brig

on 17 July, 3 shipments from CERA.

presumably 94th Gds RL Regt

on 20 July, 1 shipment from  
RUECKWARSFELD.

presumably 316th Gds RL Regt

until 23 July, 1 shipment from  
SAALFELD

of the Third Shock Army:

18th Mech Div

from 8 to 16 July, 1 shipment from  
FERIEBERG and after 19 July, 1  
shipment from DRANSE.

94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div and  
4th Gds Arty Brig

on 26 and 27 July, 7 shipments from  
SCHWERIN, HAGEROW and WISLAR; 5  
other shipments with MAGDEBURG as  
destination.

U/1 artillery unit

from 9 to 16 July, 1 shipment from  
GUESTROW.

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of the First Gds Mech Army:

U/1 artillery brigade

on 27 June and 9 July, 1 shipment each from KOENIGSBRUECK.

of the Second Gds Mech Army:

2d Light Arty Brig

from 10 to 18 July, 1 shipment from DOEBERITZ.

90th Gds RI Regt  
1st Mech Divon 9 July, 1 shipment from VELTEN.  
on 22 July, 1 shipment with tanks from DOEBERITZ.of the Third Gds Mech Army:

U/1 units (headquarters units ?)

from 9 to 21 July, 1 shipment from JUETERBOG; on 9 July, 1 shipment from LUCKENWALDE.

of the Fourth Gds Mech Army:elements of the 299th Gds Mort  
Regt/ 10th Gds Tank Div  
7th Gds Mech Div

from 8 to 18 July, 1 shipment from SATZKORN.

from 9 to 18 July, 1 shipment with tanks from FUERSTENWALDE.

25th Tank Div and/or  
71st Light Arty Brig

from 10 June to 10 July, 2 shipments from TEMPLIN; and from 9 to 18 July, 1 shipment from TEMPLIN

Permanent occupation since early May 1954: 3 brigades of the 6th Arty Div, 2 brigades of the 34th Arty Div and 2 artillery brigades of the Third Shock Army.

b. JUETERBOG firing range.of the Second Gds Mech Army:

2d Light Arty Brig

from 4/5 July to 7/8 July, 2 shipments from DOEBERITZ.

1st Mech Div

after 20 July, 3 shipments from DOEBERITZ; on 24 July, the first of these elements returned; on 22 July, 1 shipment with 13 tanks from DOEBERITZ.

9th Gds Tank Div

from 29 June to 6 July, 1 shipment from NEUSTRELITZ; and from 21 to 31 July, 2 shipments from NEUSTRELITZ.

12th Gds Tank Div

from 29 June to 4/5 July, 3 shipments from NEURUPPIN and FUERSTENBERG; on 29 July, 1 shipment from NEURUPPIN.

of the Third Gds Mech Army:

7th Gds Tank Div (?)

on 19 July, 1 shipment, presumably AAA, from HALDENLEBEN.

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9th Mech Div

until 22 June, 1 shipment of artillery from COTTBUS, 1 shipment of tanks and AT guns from LUEBEN; on 10 July, rocket launchers from PEITZ; from 13 July to 17 July, 2 shipments including elements of the 91th Tank Regt from PEITZ.

of the Fourth Gds Mech Army:63d AAA Div

on 26 June, 2 shipments from FUERSTENWALDE.

7th Gds Mech Div

from 4 June to 9 July, 3 shipments from LIEBEROSE.

artillery of the 10th Gds Tank Div on 23 July, 2 shipments from SATZKORN.

The training grounds is still being used for exercises and firing practices by army units of the Third Gds Mech Army.

c. WUSTROW firing range.of the IV Arty Corps:32d AAA Div

on 10 June, 2 shipments from KUESTRIN; on 23 June, 1 shipment from KUESTRIN.

2d Gds AAA Div

from 6 June to 23 July, 2 shipments from SIEMENBERG.

6th Gds AAA Div

on 16 July, 2 shipments from CHEMNITZ.

4th AT Arty Brig

from 28 July to 1 August, 4 shipments from PRORA.

of the Eighth Gds Army:13th AAA Div

from 11 June to 30 July, 1 or 2 shipments from WEIMAR; on 7 July, 2 shipments from LEIPZIG-SCHOENAU.

498th AAA Regt/XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps

from 8 May to 7 July, 4 shipments from NAUMBURG.

497th AAA Regt/XXVIII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps

on 18 July, 4 shipments from RUDOLSTADT.

of the Third Shock Army:U/1 AAA Regt/LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps

on 12 June, 3 shipments from BURG.

U/1 AAA Regt/IX Mtz Rifle Corps

on 15 July, 2 shipments from SCHWERIN.

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AAA units/18th Mech Div

from 16 June to 17 July, 2 or  
3 shipments from DRANSE; on  
18 July, 1 shipment from DRANSE.

of the First Gds Mech Army:

4th Gds AAA Div

on 27 June, 2 shipments from  
DRESDEN.

of the Second Gds Mech Army:

31st AAA Div

from 20 June to 18 July and  
on 3 July, 1 shipment each  
from VELTEN.

AAA units/1st Mech Div

on 17 July, 2 shipments  
from DOEBERITZ.

of the Third Gds Mech Army:

62d AAA Div

from 7 May to 5 July and,  
on 15 July, 2 shipments  
each from KOCHSTETT.

of the Fourth Gds Mech Army:

63d AAA Div

on 23 June, 2 shipments from  
EBERSWALDE; on 12 July, 1  
shipment from FUERSTENWALDE.

Air force AAA units:

from BORSTEL airfield,  
from WERNEUCHEN "

One shipment each  
on 2 July  
from 10 June to 8 July and  
on 11 July;  
from 4 to 17 July;  
on 14 July;  
on 8 July;  
on 12 July.

from NEURUPPIN "

from FINSTERWALDE "

from PARCHIM "

from ELLERHOLZ "

Firing with live Ammunition by Tank and SP Gun Units:

5. During the preceding years, the tanks of the combat divisions and independent tank units conducted firing practices with live ammunition mainly at the training grounds of their units and at the special firing range at SAICHAU from positions north of HILLERSLEBEN. Firing practice with live ammunition in LETZLING HEATH was conducted by tank units not exceeding company strength. Such firing practices were still held in the spring of 1954, when individual units moved to areas of the Eighth Gds Army and Fourth Gds Mech Army. After a prolonged interval, these exercises were resumed in early July. About the same time, numerous companies and several battalions of tanks and SP guns were dispatched from garrisons or summer camps to distant troop training grounds and, in some instances, also to other army areas. The artillery firing ranges at ALTENGRABOW and JUETERBOG are now also being used for tank firing practices. Such measures, which undoubtedly increase the combat readiness of tank crews, were not observed during the last few years. The following tabulation is a compilation of movements of tank and SP artillery units, with some of the units having been mentioned already in paragraphs 3 and 4 of the report:

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Date	Unit	From	To	Weapons
after 14 July	9th Tank Div	RIESA	DRANSE	
after 9 July	1st Mech Div	DOEBERITZ	CRAWINKEL	21 SP guns
after 11 July	1st Mech Div	DOEBERITZ	IOSSA	20 " "
after 22 July	1st Mech Div	DOEBERITZ	ALTENGRABOW	14 tanks and SP guns
after 22 July	1st Mech Div	DOEBERITZ	FORST ZINNA	13 T-34 tanks
after 10 July	12th Gds Tank Div	ALTRUPPIN	DOEBERITZ	32 JS tanks and 7 SP guns
from 20 to 29 July	9th Gds Tank Div	NEUSTREINITZ	HALDENSLEBEN	
after 10 July	14th Gds Mech Div	JUETERBOG	MAGDEBURG	9 T-34 tanks
after 10 July	6th Gds Tank Div	?	HALDENSLEBEN	11 T-34 tanks
from 9 to 18 July	7th Gds Mech Div	FUERSTEN- WALDE	ALTENGRABOW	
after 29 June	25th Tank Div (?)	TEMPLIN	FORST ZINNA	14 JS tanks
from 23 to 29 July	25th Tank Div (?)	TEMPLIN	HALDENSLEBEN	10 T-34 tanks
from 8 to 17 July	18th Mech Div	DRANSE	HALDENSLEBEN	10 T-34 tanks
after 17 July	19th Gds Mech Div	HALDENSLEBEN	DRANSE	21 SP guns
after 25 July	tank training unit/ Eighth Gds Army	GERA	HALDENSLEBEN	14 T-34 tanks and SP guns
after 2 August	10th Gds Tank Div	SATZKORN	HALDENSLEBEN	15 T-34 tanks and 8 JS and SP guns

Activity of Engineer Units:

6. Until about 10 July, the DESSAU-AKEN training area was still occupied by the bulk of the two engineer regiments of the GSFG and by engineer units of the Eighth Gds Army. Between 20 and 25 June, an exchange of troops had taken place in the area east of AKEN, where engineer troops from Thuringia are quartered. The exchange movement affected among others, elements of the 88th Engr Bn of the 20th Gds Mech Div, which were replaced by elements of the engineer battalions of the 39th and 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Divs arriving from garrisons and summer camps. When the floods made themselves felt, all engineer units were withdrawn. Part of their equipment was left behind and it seems that it was lost. Major elements of the 36th Pon Bridge Regt of the GSFG were employed for rescue work in the LEIPZIG area where they were confirmed up to their departure on 14 July. The other units moved to Kaserne ROSSLAU or to tent camps in the COSSWIG area. It appears that the heavy damages caused by the floods temporarily

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stopped training activities in the DESSAU-AKEN area. Strong elements of the 36th Pon Bridge Regt were again in the Seeckt Kaserne (5287) in MAGDEBURG on 19 July, while engineer units of the Eighth Gds Army, were retransferred to their army area in at least six shipments from 21 to 28 July.

As during the preceding years, elements of engineer units of the Second Gds Mech Army were transferred from their posts at NEUBRANDENBURG, NEUSTRELITZ and NEURUPPIN to the JERICHOW training site on the Elbe River between 2 and 10 July. Four trains were observed. No training activity was noticed after the arrival of these units and it is, therefore, believed that they were also employed in the flood area, for instance near WITTENBERG. Elements of the 18th (?) Engr Bn of the 1st Mech Div were transferred to the LIEBEROSE training grounds on 25 July. No details as to their employment there have so far been obtained.

The MUEHLBERG training site on the Elbe River used by engineer units of the First Gds Mech Army was occupied during the second half of July. The bulk of the engineer units of the Third Shock Army was carried at the BITTKAU training site in July.

The 35th Engr Regt of the Third Gds Mech Army practiced in the SPERENBERG area up to the second half of July. There were vague indications that, after the receding of the floods, small elements may have been employed for clearing work in the HALLE area and south of HALLE after 15 July. Thorough observations in the SPERENBERG area indicated that elements of the regiment and engineer details of the GSFG have trained with special equipment, possibly amphibious tanks, from the USSR on Hege See (lake), presumably since mid-June. No detailed information on the new device could be obtained because of strict security measures.

#### Firing Practice with Live Ammunition on Ruegen Island.

7. At the beginning of July, a several-day firing practice with live ammunition by 85 and 100-mm AT guns, field howitzers and 152-mm gun howitzers at sea targets was conducted on Ruegen Island. The units fired from the isthmus between Grosser Jasmunder Bodden and the Baltic Sea. According to motor vehicle numbers and information on troop movements, the exercises involved elements of the 34th Arty Div from ALTENGRABOW, of the 3d Gds AT Arty Brig from ROSTOCK, of the 2d Light Arty Brig from DOEBERITZ and of the 4th Gds Arty Brig from SCHWERIN.

#### Exercises by Small Combat Groups.

8. At the beginning of July, several small units of the 9th Mech Div are believed to have conducted an exercise in the area of the Third Gds Mech Army in the WITTENBERG area. Tanks were also observed with these units. Upon completion of the exercise, the units involved were retransferred to FORST TAUER troop training grounds, having temporarily taken up quarters in several kasernes in WITTENBERG. Another exercise was held in the area of BARUTH (UT-9867), NEUHOF, SPERENBERG, and STUELFE from 23 July to 1 August.

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Information hitherto obtained indicated that the exercise involved elements of the 6th Gds Tank Div from Camp WERDER-MARKENLORF and, presumably, also army troops of the Third Gds Mech Army. No details have been obtained yet. From the departure of troops from the NEUSTADT/Dosse (UU-2760) area for TEMPLIN, it is inferred that movements of units of the Fourth Gds Mech Army terminated in this area, possibly upon completion of a practice march.

Miscellaneous.

9. Various reports indicated that older officers serving with troop units were discharged and sent back to the USSR, with their dependents, via FRANKFURT/Oder in early July. At the same time, young officers, apparently without dependents, arrived from the USSR.

Transportation.

10. The traffic situation of the GDR Railroads was normal during the reported period except for some local difficulties resulting from floods in the CHEMNITZ, GERA, DESSAU, and LEIPZIG area in mid-July. Railroad lines affected by these floods were blocked for 26 to 48 hours. The total loading performance slightly decreased to a daily average of 28,600 cars during the first half of July. Freight space claimed by the Soviets increased to 2.4 percent of the total loading performance. On 17 July, railroad coal stocks amounted to approximately 6.4 days' requirements. Sixty percent of the coal stocks on hand consisted of hard coal. As compared with the preceding months, the coal stocks increased by 0.6 percent only. Coal stocks continue to be below normal.
11. The reorganization of Soviet transit traffic through Poland went into effect on 1 July 1954. In connection with this reorganization, the missions previously exercised by German locomotive columns were taken over by the Polish State Railroads. Soviet military passenger traffic continues, however, to be carried out by Soviet locomotive column No 42 operating with German express train locomotives. As expected, temporary difficulties resulted at border stations on the Oder-Neisse line from divergent interpretation of the terms of the Moscow railroad agreement by GDR and Polish railroad agencies on the spot. In the first half of July, these difficulties led to a decrease in the volume of border traffic, particularly in Frankfurt/Oder. During the first half of July, Polish coal imports directed through Forst decreased considerably, which will have a telling effect on the coal situation in the GDR.

12. On 2 July, double-track operations were started on the KUESTRIN/KIETZ - KUESTRIN railroad line section.

Supply

13. Between 1 and 10 July, the volume of military supply traffic from the USSR to the GDR remained at the level observed during the preceding months. On the average, 48 carloads of military supply arrived daily. During the reported period, incoming ammunition shipments decreased to an all-time low of about 200 tons. The increased ammunition requirements resulting from current firing practices will probably be met from ammunition stocks accumulated

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during the period from January through April 1954. It is possible that ammunition depots will be replenished in the coming months. Ration supplies still amounted to approximately 50 percent of total supply shipments.

14. Within the framework of inner-zonal military supply traffic, the turnover of supply dumps in the GDR was conspicuously low. Most of the fuel required by troop units and installations was furnished by GDR hydrogenation plants in a great number of individual shipments.
15. The rate in the shipment of armored personnel carriers and artillery pieces increased. It is believed that only 122-mm guns arrived. Equipment sent to the GDR between mid-April and mid-July included about 270 armored personnel carriers and 250 x 122 mm howitzers. After early July, a total of about 150 new trucks, which were presumably loaded with engineer equipment, arrived in the zone.

#### Kasernierte Volkspolizei.

#### Order of Battle.

16. The transfer of the AAA regiment from KIRCHDIESER to the Garde-du-Corps Kaserne in Potsdam and of the engineer battalion of Mechanized Division POTSDAM from HOHENSTUECKEN to KIRCHDIESER was definitely confirmed. The central motor vehicle spare part depot and motor vehicle repair shop were transferred from BERLIN-MAGERVIEHHOF, presumably to FINOW. The truck regiment, which had also been stationed in BERLIN-MAGERVIEHHOF, may have moved to the kaserne south of STRAUSBERG railroad station. The bulk of the units, schools and other KVP offices were confirmed at the previous posts.

#### Training.

17. In July, training activity of the troops concentrated on firing practices with live ammunition by all weapons and combat practices at reinforced battalion level. Some of the officer candidate schools started field training, with the AAA school Oranienburg having moved to ZINGST and the infantry school Naumburg to an undetermined destination. All KVP training grounds and firing ranges were occupied by numerous units. Two- to three-day field exercises were held in the vicinity of the posts. On 13 July, elements of Kuechensee engineer regiment probably practiced at the engineer training site of Sieglitzer Berg on the Elbe River east of DESSAU. According to unconfirmed reports, the engineer battalions of Korps Sued practiced on the Elbe River near RIESA.

Divisions Prenzlau and Eggesin successively conducted command-post exercises in the PASEWALK-EGGESIN-LOECHWITZ area from 19 to 23 and 25 to 30 July respectively. The exercises were conducted at division level and included attacking and defending of small river sectors along the Randow and Uecker Rivers. Numerous officers and minor troop elements, mainly engineers and signal troops, participated in the command post exercises.

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Training.

18. It appears that the bulk of the units of the 13th Gds Mech Div and the 95th Gds Mtz Rifle Div were at the DOELLERSHEIM troop training grounds until mid-July. Elements of the rifle division which had remained at St. FOELTEN post were employed in the flood area on the Danube in the second half of July. Units of the 23d AAA Div and AAA of the two combat divisions rotated for firing practice with live ammunition at APETION firing range up to the second half of July. They had started these practices in April. Information on troop movements indicated that, up to late June, the firing practices also involved AAA units of the two mechanized divisions in Hungary.

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1 Annex: Soviet Divisions and Independent Units in the GDR.

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Divisions and Independent Units in the GDR

<u>Group or Army</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location and Activity</u>
GSFG	6th Arty Div	the bulk of the brigades stationed in RATHENOW at ALTENGRABOW (29 July).
	124th Hvy How Arty Brig	on 10, 17, 19, 23, and 24 July one shipment each from BRANDENBURG to ALTENGRABOW; on 21, 24, 27 and 28 July, one shipment each back to BRANDENBURG.
	25th Gds RL Brig	on 26 June and 2 and 4 July, one shipment each from RATHENOW to ALTENGRABOW; on 11 July, 3 shipments back to RATHENOW.
	34th Arty Div	two brigades at ALTENGRABOW (29 July); elements of the 30th Gds Gun Arty Brig from POTSDAM and WILDPARK to ALTENGRABOW in one shipment on 12 July and in 3 shipments on 21 July; elements of the division from 1 to 8 July at Ruegen Island for firing practice with live ammunition (4 shipments).
	3d Gds AP Arty Brig	from 4 to 8 July, elements for firing practice at Ruegen; elements at ALTENGRABOW after 9 July (1 shipment each).
	4th AT Arty Brig	from 28 July to 1 August, strong elements at WUSTROW (4 shipments).
	2d Gds AAA Div	elements from 6 June to 23 July at WUSTROW (2 shipments); presumably, light unit from RUEDESDORF dispatched to ALTENGRABOW on 20 July (1 shipment).
	6th Gds AAA Div	from 6 June to 8 July in 2 shipments at KOENIGSBRUECK and after 15 July in 1 shipment at KOENIGSBRUECK; more elements at WUSTROW after 16 July (2 shipments).
	32d AAA Div	after 10 and 23 June, elements from KUESTIN in WUSTROW (2 shipments and 1 shipment).
	36th Pon Bridge Regt	the bulk until about 10 July in the area southeast of ROSSLAU and, subsequently, strong elements employed in the high-water area in the LEIPZIG area until 14 July; after 19 July, the winter quarters in the Seeckt Kaserne were heavily occupied.
	U/I Engr Regt	Presumably, elements still in the AKEN area in late July.

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<u>Eighth Gds Army</u>	13th AAA Div	from 11 June up to 30 July, elements from WEIMAR in WUSTROW (1 or 2 shipments); after 7 July, other elements from LEIPZIG-SCHOENAU in WUSTROW (2 shipments).
	Army Arty Units	from 14 to 19 June, from ALTENBURG in OHRDRUF (4 shipments).
	43d Gds Army Arty Brig	after 5 July, the bulk at ALTENGRABOW (5 shipments).
	38th Army AT Arty Brig	on 22 July, still at ALTENBURG post.
	19th Gds Engr Bn	in late July, presumably still in AKEN area.
	<u>XXVIII Gds Mts Rifle Corps</u>	
	308th Arty Brig	after 17 July, elements from GERA in ALTENGRABOW (3 shipments); other elements in GERA until 26 July.
	316th Gds RL Regt	elements presumably in ALTENGRABOW up to 23 July; return to SAAZFELD.
	497th AAA Regt	after 18 July, in WUSTROW from RUDOLSTADT (4 shipments).
	880th Engr Bn	in late July, presumably transferred from the AKEN area.
	39th Gds Mts Rifle Div	in June, elements from PLAUEN, MEININGEN and Suhl for short-term exercises in OHRDRUF (1 shipment each); the 45th Gds Engr Bn in the AKEN area from 24 June until about 26 July; return to SAAZFELD.
	20th Gds Mech Div	presumably in Camp GRAMINKEL up to late JULY; the bulk of the 67th Gds Mech Regt in ZEITZ until late July; from there, continuous training in FOREST ZEITZ.
	<u>XXIX Gds Mts Rifle Corps</u>	
	76th Arty Brig	up to 1 August at HERSEBURG post.
	94th Gds RL Regt	after 20 July, elements in ALTENGRABOW (1 shipment)
	498th AAA Regt	from 8 May to 7 July at WUSTROW (4 shipments).
	U/1 Engr Bn	in late July, presumably transferred from the AKEN area.

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<u>Group or Army</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location and Activity</u>
Eighth Gds Army	57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div	strong elements at KINDEL until about 20 July; major rear details of the three rifle regiments still at the posts; the 67th Gds Engr Bn returned to NAUMBURG from the AKEN area during the night of 24 July.
	21st Gds Mech Div	strong elements in LOSSA up to mid-July; engineer battalion possibly transferred from the AKEN area in late July.
<u>Third Shock Army</u>	3d Gds AAA Div	in mid-July, only minor elements in MAGDEBURG; the bulk presumably in LETZLING HEATH.
	20th Army AT Arty Brig	the bulk in ALTENGRABOW until 29 July.
	136th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt	up to late July in the south sector of LETZLING HEATH.
	323d Engr Bn	in July, still carried in BITTKAU.
	<u>LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps</u>	
	304th Arty Brig	in mid-July, presumably still at BURG post.
	U/1 AAA Regt	elements at MUSTROW after 12 June (3 shipments).
	399th (?) RL Regt	elements from STENDAL transferred to the area of "Die Lewitz", north of LUDWIGSLUST for short-term firing exercises after 17 July (1 shipment).
	890th Engr Bn	presumably in BITTKAU.
	207th Mtz Rifle Div	strong elements from STENDAL and QUESLINEBURG in Camp JAEVENITZ, north sector of LETZLING HEATH until mid-July; the 338th Engr Bn presumably still in BITTKAU.
	19th Gds Mech Div	strong elements from MAGDEBURG in the south sector of LETZLING HEATH (Waldlager No III near BORN); units from MILLERSLEBEN at the quarters up to the second half of July; from there, daily exercises in LETZLING HEATH; after 17 July, 21 SP guns of the 153d Gds Hv Tank SP Regt in SCHWEINRICH (1 shipment).

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<u>Group or Army</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location and Activity</u>
	<u>IX Mtz Rifle Corps</u>	
	4th Gds Arty Brig	elements at Ruegen island for firing practice with live ammunition from 3 to 9 July (1 shipment); in July, frequent departure of units for exercises in the vicinity of the posts and for firing with live ammunition in the "Die Lewitz" area north of LUDWIGSLUST; in late July, elements of the brigade transferred to ALTENGRABOW.
	U/i AAA Regt	elements from SCHWERIN in WUSTROW after 15 July (2 shipments).
	10th Gds RL Regt	after 20 July, presumably transferred from SCHWERIN.
	U/i Engr Bn	in July, presumably still in BITTKAU.
	94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div	elements, especially artillery and tanks, transferred to ALTENGRABOW and MAGDEBURG from SCHWERIN, WISMAR and HAGENOW during the night of 26 July.
	18th Mech Div	the bulk in SCHWEINRICH up to the second half of July; AAA units in WUSTROW from 16 June to 16 July (2 or 3 shipments) other elements transferred to WUSTROW after 18 July (1 shipment); elements from PERLEBERG in ALTENGRABOW from 8 to 16 July and from SCHWEINRICH in ALTENGRABOW after 19 July (1 shipment each); 10 tanks of the 119th Gds Hvy Tank SF Regt from SCHWEINRICH in the south sector of LETZLING HEATH from 8 to 17 July.
	<u>First Gds Mech Army</u>	
	4th Gds AAA Div	elements in WUSTROW after 17 June (2 shipments); the bulk presumably in the BOHRA area (KOENIGSERUECK troop training grounds) in July.
	U/i Arty Brig	elements from KOENIGSERUECK transferred to ALTENGRABOW after 27 June and 9 July (1 shipment each).
	U/i RL Regt	in mid-July, presumably still at MEISSEN post.

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<u>Group or Army</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location and Activity</u>
	8th Gds Mech Div	from mid-June to mid-July, intensive troop movements between the posts and KOENIGSERUECK; the bulk of the units in Camp SCHWEHNITZ after mid-July; exercises of the engineer battalion on the Mulde River near GRIMMA stopped because of high waters.
	9th Tank Div	the bulk of the division at the posts and the Camp ZEITHAIN until the second half of July; in June and July, exchange movements by road and rail between ZEITHAIN and KOENIGSERUECK; after 14 July, tank units of the division transferred from RIESA to SCHWEINRICH (2 shipments).
	11th Gds Tank Div	the bulk in Camp SCHMORKAU (KOENIGSERUECK) troop training grounds) up to the second half of July.

The engineer camp of the army in the MUEHLBERG area was occupied by unidentified units on 20 July.

#### Second Gds Mech Army

31st AAA Div	from 20 June to 18 July and, after 3 July, one shipment each from VELTEN to WUSTROW.
2d Light Arty Brig	elements on Ruegen island for firing practice from 2 to 8 July (1 shipment); from 10 to 18 July, elements in ALTENGRABOW (1 shipment); elements in JUETERBOG from 4 to 7 July and 5 to 8 July (2 shipments).
90th Gds RL Regt	after 9 July, elements in ALTENGRABOW (1 shipment).
Army engr units	after 3 July, elements in the JERICHOW area (2 shipments)
1st Mech Div	the bulk at the post and at DOEBERITZ troop training grounds up to late July; after 9 and 11 July, 21 SP guns in Camp CRAWINKEL and at LOESA troop training grounds (1 shipment each); elements of the 1382d AAA Regt in WUSTROW after 17 July (2 shipments); artillery units in JUETERBOG after 20 July (3 shipments); first elements returned on 24 July; after 22 July, 13 tanks transferred to JUETERBOG and other tanks to ALTENGRABOW (1 shipment each); on 25 July, elements of the 18th Engr Bn transferred to LIEBEROSE (1 shipment).

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<u>Group or Army</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location and Activity</u>
	9th Gds Tank Div	in late July, quartering changes in NEUSTRELITZ post; for details, see paragraph 2 of the report. Artillery units from NEUSTRELITZ in JUETERBOG in one shipment from 29 June to 6 July and in 2 shipments from 21 to 31 July; from 20 to 29 July, tanks from NEUSTRELITZ in the south sector of LETZLING HEATH; elements of the 90th Gds Engr Bn in the JERICHOW area after 10 July (1 shipment).
	12th Gds Tank Div	in July, continuous combat firing practice and exercises in the NEUGLIENICKE area (southeast sector of SCHWEINRICH troop training grounds); after 10 July, 32 JS tanks and 7 SP guns from ALTRUPPIN transferred to DOEBERITZ (3 shipments); from 29 June to 4 July, 3 shipments from NEURUPPIN and FUERSTENBERG in JUETERBOG; after 20 July, 1 shipment with artillery units from NEURUPPIN in JUETERBOG; elements of the 205th Engr Bn in the JERICHOW area after 2 July (1 shipment).
<u>Third Gds Mech Army</u>		
	62d AAA Div	elements from KOCHSTEDT in WUSTROW from 7 May to 5 July and after 15 July (2 shipments each).
	91st Gds RL Regt	elements from LUCKENWALDE possibly in ALTENCRABOW after 9 July (1 shipment).
	199th Light Arty Brig	possibly, a unit from JUETERBOG in ALTENCRABOW from 9 to 21 July (1 shipment).
	35th Engr Regt	in late July, still in the SPERENBERG area; training at Hege Lake.
	14th Gds Mech Div	in July, in JUETERBOG; exercises in the vicinity of the post.
	6th Gds Tank Div	after 10 July, a unit with 11 tanks for firing in the south sector of LETZLING HEATH; elements of the division engaged in an exercise in the SPERENBERG-STUELFE area from 23 July to 1 August.
	7th Gds Tank Div	the bulk confirmed in the south sector of LETZLING HEATH up to the second half of July; AAA unit from HALDENLIEBEN presumably in JUETERBOG after 19 July (1 shipment).

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	9th Mech Div	the bulk in the camp and at the troop training grounds of FORST TAUER and in the kaserne of DRACHHAUSEN up to 22 July; artillery and tank units in the JUETERBOG area up to 22 June and 10 July and from 13 and 15 July up to 17 July; other elements presumably engaged in exercises in the WITTENBERG area up to 9 July; from there, retransfer to FORST TAUER; on 10 July, elements of the 82d Engr Bn from FELTZ transferred, allegedly for high-water employment (1 shipment).
<u>Fourth Gds Mech Army</u>		
	63d AAA Div	after 26 June, elements from FUERSTENWALDE in JUETERBOG (2 shipments); after 12 July, elements in WUSTROW (1 shipment); after 23 June, elements from EBERSWALDE in WUSTROW (1 shipment).
	71st Light Arty Brig	the bulk presumably in TEMPLIN up to mid-July; elements possibly in ALTENGRABOW from 9 to 18 July (1 shipment).
	6th Gds Mech Div	in late June and early July, exercises in the area northwest of BERNAU; involving units from EBERSWALDE and BERLIN-KAULSDORF; in July, light exchange movements between TEMPLIN and the posts.
	7th Gds Mech Div	the bulk of the division at LIEBEROSE troop training grounds up to 22 July; elements from LIEBEROSE in JUETERBOG from 4 June to 9 July (3 shipments); a tank unit from FUERSTENWALDE in ALTENGRABOW from 9 to 18 July; in July, 2 exchange movements between BERLIN-SCHONNEWEIDE and LIEBEROSE (24th Gds Mech Regt).
	10th Gds Tank Div	for changes of quarters within the billeting area, see paragraph 2 of the report. Elements of the division from the kaserne in KRAMPEITZ transferred to the south sector of DOEBERITZ troop training grounds in late June; elements of the 299th Gds Mort Regt in ALTENGRABOW from 8 to 18 July; artillery units in JUETERBOG after 23 July (2 shipments); tank units with 15 T-34 tanks, 8 JS tanks and SP guns transferred to the south sector of LETZLING HEATH after 2 August. (2 shipments).

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	9th Mech Div	the bulk in the camp and at the troop training grounds of FORST TAUER and in the kaserne of DRACHHAUSEN up to 22 July; artillery and tank units in the JUETERBOG area up to 22 June and 10 July and from 13 and 15 July up to 17 July; other elements presumably engaged in exercises in the WITTENBERG area up to 9 July; from there, retransfer to FORST TAUER; on 10 July, elements of the 82d Engr Bn from PEITZ transferred, allegedly for high-water employment (1 shipment).
<u>Fourth Gds Mech Army</u>		
	63d AAA Div	after 26 June, elements from FUERSTENWALDE in JUETERBOG (2 shipments); after 12 July, elements in WUSTROW (1 shipment); after 23 June, elements from EBERSWALDE in WUSTROW (1 shipment).
	71st Light Arty Brig	the bulk presumably in TEMPLIN up to mid-July; elements possibly in ALTENGRABOW from 9 to 18 July (1 shipment).
	6th Gds Mech Div	in late June and early July, exercises in the area northwest of BERNAU; involving units from EBERSWALDE and BERLIN-KAULSDORF; in July, light exchange movements between TEMPLIN and the posts.
	7th Gds Mech Div	the bulk of the division at LIEBEROSE troop training grounds up to 22 July; elements from LIEBEROSE in JUETERBOG from 4 June to 9 July (3 shipments); a tank unit from FUERSTENWALDE in ALTENGRABOW from 9 to 18 July; in July, 2 exchange movements between BERLIN-SCHOENEMEIDE and LIEBEROSE (24th Gds Mech Regt).
	10th Gds Tank Div	for changes of quarters within the billeting area, see paragraph 2 of the report. Elements of the division from the kaserne in KRAFFTITZ transferred to the south sector of DOEBERITZ troop training grounds in late June; elements of the 299th Gds Mort Regt in ALTENGRABOW from 8 to 18 July, artillery units in JUETERBOG after 23 July (2 shipments); tank units with 15 T-34 tanks, 8 JS tanks and SP guns transferred to the south sector of LETZLING HEATH after 2 August. (2 shipments).

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	25th Tank Div	the bulk of the division in TEMFLIN up to the second half of July; artillery and armored scout cars in ALTENGRABOW from 10 June to 10 July (2 shipments); tanks of the division in the FORST ZINNA area after 29 June and, from 23 to 29 July, in the south sector of LETZLING HEATH from TEMFLIN (1 shipment each); elements U/1 tank training battalion with tanks from PRENZLAU in TEMFLIN from 13 to 22 July (1 shipment).

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